

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 9, 28, 32, and 53 are amended herein. Claims 54-69 have been added. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1 1. (twice amended) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of real time
2 meetings, comprising:
3 receiving an indication by a requester system that a requester wants to request
4 a realtime meeting with a target;
5 sending to the target a request to conduct a real time meeting;
6 after sending the request, sending by the requester [a] system an availability
7 status of the requester;
8 queuing the request by the requester system; and
9 connecting the requester and the target when the requester and the target are
10 mutually available.

1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising dequeuing the request when the
2 realtime meeting successfully completes.

01 1 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a system of the target is polled to determine the
2 target's availability.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system of the target sends the target's
2 availability status to the requester.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a system of the requester is polled to determine the
2 requester's availability.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system of the requester sends the requester's
2 availability status to the target.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein mutual availability is determined by checking the
2 availability of the requester and the target.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a request is sent to a plurality of targets and
2 mutual availability is determined when the requester and a quorum of the targets are available.

1 9. (amended) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of realtime meetings,
2 comprising:

3 receiving, by a target system from a requester system, an indication that a
4 requester wants to request a realtime meeting with a target;
5 queuing the request by the target system; [and]
6 receiving, by the target, an availability status of the requester; and
7 connecting the requester and the target when the requester and the target are
8 mutually available.

1 10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising dequeuing the request when the
2 realtime meeting successfully completes.

1 11. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising dequeuing the request when the
2 realtime meeting successfully completes.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system of the target sends the target's
2 availability status to the requester.

CI 1 13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein a system of the requester is polled to determine
2 the requester's availability.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system of the requester sends the requester's
2 availability status to the target.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein mutual availability is determined by checking the
2 availability of the requester and the target.

1 16. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein a request is sent to a plurality of targets and
2 mutual availability is determined when the requester and a quorum of the targets are available.

1 28. (amended) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of real time
2 meetings, comprising:

3 receiving an indication that a requester party wants to request a real time meeting with
4 one or more target parties;

5 receiving information indicating the availability of the requester party and one or more
6 target parties to participate in the real time meeting, the information sent by the
7 respective party and indicating a desire of a human being to take part in a meeting;
8 determining that the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually available
9 to participate in the real time meeting, in response to the received information; and
10 responsive to the determination that the requester party and one or more target parties are
11 mutually available to participate in the real time meeting, initiating the real time meeting.

1 29. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the initiating further comprises informing the
2 requester party and one or more target parties that they should initiate communication.

1 30. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the initiating further comprises requesting
2 the requester party and one or more target parties to open a connection.

1 31. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the availability of the requester party and one
2 or more target parties is determined by checking at least one of: start or end of a call; other use of
3 phone; recent activity at computer input devices; conversation near microphone; lights turned
4 on/off; weight in chair or on floor; a motion sensor; opening/closing of door; spoken commands;
5 computer keyboard/mouse based commands; touchtone commands; and scheduled periods of
6 availability.

1 32. (amended) A system for intermediation of real time meetings, comprising:
2 a requester system for receiving a request from a requester party to initiate a real time
3 meeting with one or more target parties associated with target systems;
4 a first server system associated with the requester system, the first server system for
5 determining availability of the requester party and sending the availability of the
6 requester party;
7 a second server system associated with a target system, the second server system for
8 determining availability of one or more target [systems] parties and sending the
9 availability of at least one of the target parties; and
10 a deciding agent in communication with the first server system, the second server system,
11 the requester system, and the target system, the deciding agent for recording the

12 request for the real time meeting, for receiving an indication that each the requester
13 party and one or more target parties are available for the real time meeting, for
14 determining whether the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually
15 available for the real time meeting, and for initiating the real time meeting when all
16 parties are mutually available.

1 33. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein each the first server system and the second
2 server system is further adapted to record the request for the real time meeting.

1 34. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein each the first server system and the second
2 server system is further adapted to delete the request for the real time meeting.

1 35. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to
2 communicate to the first server system to cease sending an indication that the requester party is
3 available for the real time meeting.

1 36. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to
2 communicate to the second server system to cease sending an indication that the target party is
3 available for the real time meeting.

CI 1 37. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to poll
2 the first server system to determine the availability of the requester party.

1 38. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted to poll
2 the second server system to determine the availability of the target party.

1 39. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is located at the target
2 system.

1 40. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the requester system is further adapted to
2 record the request to conduct the real time meeting.

1 41. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the target system is further adapted to reject a
2 request to add one or more target parties to the real time meeting and to communicate the
3 rejection to the deciding agent.

1 42. (previously amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further
2 adapted to receive an indication that the requester party and one or more target parties are
3 available by monitoring the activity of the requester party and one or more target parties.

1 43. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is conducted using a
2 telephone.

1 44. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is conducted using
2 Internet telephony.

1 45. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is specified as a face-to-
2 face meeting.

1 46. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is specified as a text
2 chat.

1 47. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is an online
2 collaboration tool.

1 48. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting is a shared application.

1 49. (original) The system of claim 32, further comprising a plurality of requester parties and
2 a plurality of target parties, and wherein the deciding agent initiates the real time meeting when a
3 quorum of the requester parties and target parties is available.

1 53. (amended) A computer program product stored on a computer readable medium for
2 intermediation of real time meetings, the computer program product comprising:

3 program code for receiving an indication that a requester party wants to request a real
4 time meeting with one or more target parties;

5 program code for receiving information indicating the availability of the requester
6 party and one or more target parties to participate in the real time meeting, the information sent
7 by the respective party and indicating a desire of a human being to take part in a meeting;

8 program code for determining that the requester party and one or more target parties
9 are mutually available to participate in the real time meeting, in response to the received
10 information; and

11 program code for initiating the real time meeting, responsive to the determination that
12 the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually available to participate in the real
13 time meeting.

1 54. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the availability
2 status of the requester on the target system, along with an indication that the requester has
3 requested a meeting.

1 55. (new) The method of claim 54, wherein the availability status is one of in, out,
2 and unknown.

1 56. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying an availability status
2 of the target on the requester system, along with an indication that the requestor has requested a
3 meeting with the target.

1 57. (new) The method of claim 56, wherein the availability status is one of in, out,
2 and unknown.

1 58. (new) A user interface displayed on a target system, comprising:

2 a display showing an ID of a requesting user who has requested a meeting with
3 the target; and

4 a display showing an availability status of a requesting user, the availability status
5 sent by the requesting user.

1 59. (new) The user interface of claim 58, wherein the availability status is one of in,
2 out, and unknown.

1 60. (new) The user interface of claim 58 showing an age of the request for a meeting.

1 61. (new) The user interface of claim 58 showing a priority of the request for a
2 meeting.

1 62. (new) The user interface of claim 58 showing a reason for the requested meeting.

1 63. (new) The user interface of claim 58 showing additional information about the
2 requesting user.

1 64. (new) A user interface displayed on a system of an owning user, comprising:

2 a display showing an ID of a requesting user who has requested a meeting with the
3 owning user and an availability status of the requesting user, the availability status sent by the
4 requesting user; and

5 a display showing an ID of a target user with whom the owning user has requested a
6 meeting, the availability status of the requesting user sent by the requesting user.

1 65. (new) The user interface of claim 64, wherein the availability statuses are one of
2 in, out, and unknown.

1 66. (new) The user interface of claim 64, showing an age of the request for a
2 meetings.

1 67. (new) The user interface of claim 64, showing a priority of the request for a
2 meetings.

1 68. (new) The user interface of claim 64, showing a reason for the requested
2 meetings.

1 69. (new) The user interface of claim 64, showing additional information about the
2 requesting user.